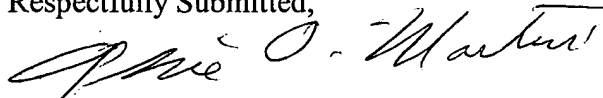


REMARKS

In a Preliminary Amendment, claims 12-22 replace elected claims 1-3. Claims 12-22 are within the definition of elected Group I, "nucleic acid databases and microchips" but are reworded to be in better condition for allowance. The two independent claims, 12 and 22, refer to a database and a microchip as did claims 1-3, which they replace.

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket no (21726/92526).

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